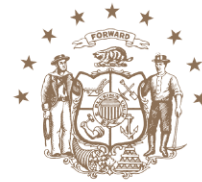




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CELEBRATING NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

March 7-11, 2016 recognizes the School Nutrition Association's National School Breakfast Week

MADISON – This week, school districts around Wisconsin celebrate National School Breakfast Week, emphasizing the importance of nutrition to the well-being of students. Representative Sondy Pope (D-Cross Plains), the ranking Democratic member on the Assembly Committee on Education, released the following statement regarding School Breakfast Week:

“It is essential that our schools take the time each year to recognize the importance nutrition plays in our students’ lives,” said Rep. Pope. “Research shows that eating breakfast is linked to positive performance in school. In fact, it has been shown to improve mathematics and reading grades, increase attentiveness, improve memory, and help students perform problem-solving tasks.”

“As proper nutrition is such a vital part of students’ success, it is important that our schools and state ensure that every child has access to a healthy breakfast. With thousands upon thousands of Wisconsin families struggling to put food on the table, school breakfast programs are essential for our in-need students.”

“Despite this information, state funding for the program has decreased by 13 percent since 2009. In the same time period, enrollment in the breakfast program increased by 33 percent. Currently, the state reimburses schools at 8-cents per breakfast served, even though state law calls for a 15-cent reimbursement rate. Our state must do more to ensure schools can provide affordable nutrition to students.”

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